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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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11 NACIO SYSTEMS, INC.) Case No.: C 07 3481 PJH
12 a Nevada corporation,)
13 Plaintiff)
14 v.)
15 HERBERT GOTTLIEB, an individual;)
16 SWIDENT, LLC, a California Limited)
liability corporation,)
17 Defendants)
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Case No.: C 07 3481 PJH
DEclaration of Murray Goldenberg
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION
TO MOTION FOR STAY AND COMPELLING
ARBITRATION
Date: October 24, 2007
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: Courtroom 3, 17th Fl.

Complaint filed: July 3, 2007

Hon. Phyllis J. Hamilton

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2 I, Murray Goldenberg, say:

3 1. I am currently a financial consultant to Nacio Systems, Inc, and have been since
4 2002. I am also the Treasurer of Encompass Holdings, Inc., a holding company that acquires
5 various technology and other companies for investment and management purposes.

6 2. Encompass Holdings bought the assets of Attest Systems, Inc from the assignee
7 for the benefit of creditors to which Attest had transferred them. Those assets subsequently were
8 transferred to Nacio Systems, Inc, a Nevada Corporation (“Nacio”) In 2006 The Encompass
9 Board of Directors authorized the spin off of Nacio into a stand-alone entity, but that has not yet
10 occurred.

11 3. Herb Gottlieb, the former president of Attest, was hired by Nacio (NV) to manage
12 the Attest business, comprising the licensing, sale and maintenance of the GASP software
13 application, which audits computer systems to determine if the various application programs
14 found thereon are validly licensed or pirated copies.

15 4. Mr. Gottlieb informed me in February that he believed he had been constructively
16 terminated by a recent management reorganization. He and I negotiated a severance agreement,
17 which I signed effective February 21st. A true and correct copy of that February 21st, 2006
18 agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Mr. Gottlieb left the company at the end of March,
19 2006.

20 5. After Mr. Gottlieb left, he requested that Nacio enter into a consulting agreement
21 that he had drafted. I have been shown a copy of the Consulting Agreement that is attached as
22 Exhibit C to Mr. Gottlieb’s declaration in support of this motion, and that is the document I am
23 referring to.

24 6. I did not sign the consulting Agreement, as I objected to many of its terms,
25 including the length of the proposed engagement. Nacio only needed Mr. Gottlieb to facilitate the
26 turn-over of GASP customer accounts, something I did not think required very much work, and
27 which did not justify the Consulting Agreement’s terms. I told Mr. Gottlieb that I would not enter
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into the consulting engagement. I also informed Mr. Gottlieb that even though I would not sign the agreement, Nacio would pay him the hourly rate requested for the work of handling the turnover calls and emails, by referring the customers to the appropriate Nacio employees. .

7. I attended the arbitration that took place in 2006 brought by Mr Gottlieb against Nacio. As part of the preparation for that hearing I saw a copy of a letter from Mr. Gottlieb's attorney Mr. Rice to William Green, our counsel, setting out their demands under the severance agreement and the employment contract. A true and correct copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit B. At that arbitration he argued that his rights under the Employment Agreement and the Termination Agreement had been violated. He ultimately prevailed on those claims.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Untied States that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 3, 2006 in Novato California.

Murray Goldenberg